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1. Between March and June 1951, Soviet troops of the 2, 3, 5, 8, and 9 Divisions, under Lieutenant General La-ya-wei-yeh-fu (拉呀維耶夫), commander of the Port Arthur and Dairen Garrison Headquarters, arrived in South Manchuria and were at various railway and highway centers.¹ In early July 1951 these troops began withdrawing from South Manchuria to the Port Arthur and Dairen areas. Approximately a regiment of Soviet railway garrison troops and regular Soviet troops remain in Manchuria.² Some of these troops are guards on the Chinese Changchun Railway. Garrison troops wear dark blue uniforms while the regular troops wear the same uniform as Chinese Communist troops. High-ranking officers wear two gold bars with gold flowers.

2. There are 50,000 Soviets,³ including experts, advisers, health specialists, railway engineers, teachers, military instructors, and representatives of the Communist Party Far East Trade Bureau, in Manchuria. All are members of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. For Soviet troop disposition in Manchuria between March and April 1951, [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. Chinese Communist officers returning to South China from Korea prior to 21 November state that there were no regular Soviet troops in Manchuria except those mentioned here. Also no Soviet troops have participated in the Korean war, but Soviet military experts were in Korea as advisers and as observers of United Nations tactics.

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. This number does not include White Russians.

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